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10. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached thereto.

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12. Other: Five of the references were cited in the International Search Report. Copies of the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority are enclosed. JP 08-051800 and JP 08-214592 are described in the specification.

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	1	EP 1 281 562 A2	02/05/03	ATISIN AW CO., LTD.		
	2	EP 1 322 028 A2	06/25/03	TOYOTA JIDOSHA KK		
	3	JP 2000-166105 A	06/16/00	TOYOTA MOTOR CORP		
	4	JP 08-051800 A	02/20/96	TOYOTA MOTOR CORP		
	5	JP 08-214592 A	08/20/96	KANSAI ELECTRIC POWER CO		
	6	JP 2003-068366 A	03/07/03	JAPAN STORAGE BATTERY CO LTD		
	7	JP 2000-162249 A	06/16/00	TOYOTA MOTOR CORP		
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EP 1 322 028 A	Dec. 19, '02	June 25, '03	Cited in the International Search Report.
JP 2000-166105	Nov. 25, '98	June 16, '00	Cited in the International Search Report.
JP 08-051800	Aug. 8, '94	Feb. 20, '96	Cited in the International Search Report. Cited as a related-art reference in the specification.
JP 08-214592	Mar. 31, '95	Aug. 20, '96	Cited in the International Search Report. Cited as a related-art reference in the specification.
JP 2003-68366	Aug. 23, '01	Mar. 7, '03	It is disclosed that an abnormality of a sensor is determined by comparing a change in voltage between terminals in a map and a change in measured voltage.
JP 2000-162249	Nov. 25, '98	June 16, '00	It is disclosed that an abnormality of a sensor is determined by comparing a reference output value and a measured value.
JP 2000-206221	June 21, '99	July 28, '00	It is disclosed that an abnormality of a sensor is determined by analyzing a change in a voltage value when an electric current is constant.
International Search Report			
Written Opinion			